



Federal Occupational Health

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What to Expect When Contacting the Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

The Federal Occupational Health (FOH) Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is available to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 1-800-222-0364 (TDD: 1-888-262-7848). While many government employees have accessed the EAP, there are others who are shy about making that first call. Asking for help is difficult for some people. Not knowing what to expect when you call the EAP can increase anxiety about calling. FOH's Customer Service Associates (CSAs) are sensitive to this fact and treat every caller with respect and sensitivity. Whether you are calling for a management consultation, counseling, or legal and financial advice, the EAP staff is eager to assist you.

Frequently Asked Questions
What information should I have available when I call the EAP?
It helps to have your home and work addresses, telephone numbers, and zip codes available when you call. Be specific regarding the federal agency name and division you work for. This information is used to locate a counselor convenient to you. In addition, you will be asked for a contact number to verify appointments, your date of birth, and pay grade level. The information provided helps us to differentiate you from another employee who might have the same name.
Is the information I provide protected?
Yes. All of this data is protected and is only shared with those who will be providing services to you. If for some reason you are uncomfortable providing this information, we will assist you to the best of our ability without the information.
How will I be connected to an EAP Counselor?
If you decide to see a counselor, the CSA will personally connect you with an EAP counselor's office so that you can schedule an appointment.
Where are the EAP Counselors' offices located?
Many government buildings have FOH EAP counselors on site. Services are confidential and the EAP is independent from the agency. In addition to the on site counselors, there is a wide network of EAP counselors across the country who provide services in private offices. The CSA will work with you to locate a counselor that is convenient for you.
After my initial call, will I receive a follow-up call?
Yes. As a courtesy to our customers, we place a follow-up call a few days after the initial request for services to see if there were any difficulties scheduling an appointment. If you were unable to successfully schedule an appointment, a Follow-Up Specialist will assist you in getting an appointment. You do not need to wait for a follow-up call if you are experiencing any difficulties. Do not hesitate to call 1-800-222-0364 for immediate assistance at any time.